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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM SEEKS NORTHERN EXPOSURE IN 10TH ANNUAL BUS TOUR**

#### **MISSOULA --**

University of Montana students, faculty and administrators will head north next week to give high school students a taste of campus life, provide in-service training for Flathead Valley teachers and strengthen ties to northwestern Montana two-year colleges.

The annual fall tour, billed as "North By Northwest," will stop at high schools in **Hot Springs, Ronan, Bigfork, Eureka, Kalispell, Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Libby, Plains, Troy and Thompson Falls** Monday, Oct. 13, through Wednesday, Oct. 15. President George M. Dennison and other UM administrators will visit Salish Kootenai College and Flathead Valley Community College, and tour three prominent businesses in the Mission and Flathead valleys.

"Our purpose is to bridge communications among high schools, outlying communities and higher education in Montana," said Leslie Vandersloot, bus tour coordinator. "The diversity of the workshops and activities we have planned shows a broad spectrum of what The University of Montana has to offer."

UM faculty and students will pair up to conduct workshops at high schools, covering topics ranging from Web page development and competing in business using electronic technology to opportunities offered at colleges of technology and how to succeed in college. Area students participating in this year's bus tour are UM-Missoula students Justin Sliter, a graduate of Flathead

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High School, and Kara Beck, a graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

An added feature of this year's tour will be in-service recertification workshops for teachers in northwestern Montana. The sessions Monday and Tuesday evenings in Kalispell will be taught by Marlene Bachmann and Bill Patton, both professors in UM-Missoula's School of Education.

While students and faculty are teaching workshops, business will be on the minds of UM administrators as they tour S & K Electronics in Pablo, Semitool in Kalispell and Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. Arnold Sherman, executive director of the UM-based Montana World Trade Center, will discuss the state's role in the new global marketplace at a Tuesday luncheon for business and community leaders in Kalispell.

On Tuesday evening, Grizzly football head coach Mick Dennehy will be the featured speaker at a gathering of alumni of all four UM campuses. The 7:30 reception at Cavanaugh's, sponsored by the UM Alumni Association, also will provide alumni the opportunity to hear about Montana Tech's football program.

At Salish Kootenai College and Flathead Valley Community College, UM administrators will sign agreements creating new cooperative programs. Before returning to Missoula, President Dennison will visit Kila School, his alma mater, to view its recent addition.

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